

REMARKS

Fifteen (15) claims (Claims 1, 3 – 4, 6 – 10, and 15 – 21) remain pending in this application through this Amendment. Claim 2 has been deleted; Claim 1 has been amended by this amendment.

Examiner has indicated that Claims 15 – 21 are allowable and Claims 2, 3, 4, and 6 – 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 2.

Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be granted for this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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